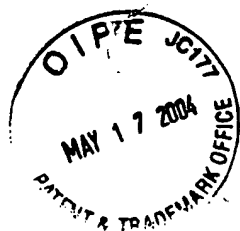


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☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

☒ NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for filing the response. Thus a fee of \$420.00 for an extension of two (2) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a) is required.

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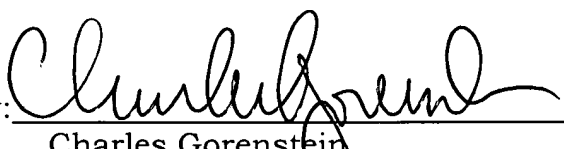
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